

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 8, 24 and 25 are amended. Claims 1, 3-8, and 10-29 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 15, 21 and 22 are allowed.

DOUBLE PATENTING

In the Office Action, claims 1, 8 and 25 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting. The Examiner is referred to the Office Action for the details of the rejection, thus the rejection is not repeated herein. Applicant respectfully notes that a terminal disclaimer is not being filed at this time. Applicant further notes that an appropriate terminal disclaimer may be filed at such time as the outstanding issues in the claims are resolved.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Using Independent claim 1 as an example, this claim recites, "the temperature-sensitive switch is directly mounted on an outside surface of the transformer assembly." Present FIGS. 2A-2C illustrate this feature. The Examiner relies upon the sensors 6a, 6b, 6c and 6d of Watanabe. However, sensors 6a, 6b and 6c are inside the transformer tank 1. Sensor 6d is spaced from an outside surface of the transformer tank 1. Watanabe, FIG. 1.

The remaining references do not overcome these deficiencies in Watanabe.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections, except for the double patenting rejections, have been overcome and/or rendered moot. And further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview

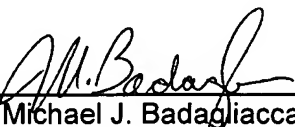
to discuss resolution of such issues.

If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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